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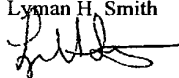
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculation of fees and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 18 without prejudice.

REMARKS

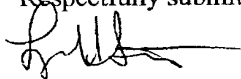
Claim 18 is canceled to conform with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office multiple dependent claim practice as well as to reduce the filing fees due.

Claims 1-17 and 19-31 pending.

No new matter is added.

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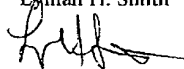
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At blank line 5 of page 23, please insert

-- The above, and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference numerals designate the same elements. --

At the end of page 92, please insert

-- Having described preferred embodiments of the invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to those precise embodiments, and that various changes and modifications may be effected therein by one skilled in the art without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the new claims as shown below:

32. (New) The leg support garment according to claim 1, being a garment of a tights type that has a length capable of covering at least a range from a waistline to an inferior side of the knee.

33. (New) The leg support garment according to claim 2, being a garment of a tights type that has a length capable of covering at least a range from a waistline to an inferior side of the knee.

REMARKS

Claims 32 and 33 are added.

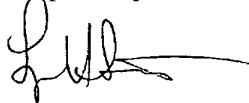
Claims 32 and 33 are added to correspond to the claims canceled without prejudice in the first preliminary amendment.

The specification is amended to place the application in standard US patent format.

No new matter is added.

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